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SUBJECT: ROK FONMIN VISITS INDONESIA

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR MARCH 17 ROK CHARGE HAN STATED FONMIN PARK TONG JIN HAD CONSIDERED HIS VISIT TO INDONESIA A SUCCESS (REFTEL). ACCORDING HAN, PARK'S VISIT WAS ONE OF SERIES TO ASEAN CAPTIALS TO SECURE MAXIMUM SUPPORT FROM ASEAN COUNTRIES FOR KOREAN QUESTION AT UN AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, AT NONALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO.

2. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO, FONMIM MALIK (WHO PARK VISITED TWICE IN HOSPITAL) ACTING FONMIM (DEFENSE MIN) GEN. PANGGABEAN AND OTHERS, PARK TOOK LINE THAT KOREAN QUESTION IS AN ASIAN PROBLEM, AND THAT INDONESIA, AS IMPORTANT NONCOMMUNIST ASIAN COUNTRY, AND ASEAN LEADER SHOULD TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN PREVENTING INSTABILITY IN KOREAN PENISULA. SINCE
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STRATEGY FOR HANDLING KOREAN QUESTION IN UN HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED,

PARK MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUESTS OF GOI.

3. IN RESPONSE TO PARK'S PRESENTATION, PRESIDENT SUHARTO NODDED, AND THEN STATED HIS DESIRE SEE BILATERAL RELATIONS STRENGTHENED. SUHARTO WENT ON TO EXPRESS HIS SATISFACTION AT RESULTS OF RECENT ASEAN SUMMIT. PARK FELT HIS MENTION OF INDONESIA'S ROLE IN ASEAN HAD STRUCK RESPONSIVE NOTE WITH SUHARTO, SAID HAN.

4. PARK FELT PANGGABEAN AND MALIK WAS RESPONSIVE TO HIS LINE OF REASONING, HAN STATED. ONLY CLOUD IN HORIZON WAS MALIK'S STATEMENT THAT, WHILE INDONESIA WOULD DO ITS BEST TO BE HELPFUL AT NONALIGNED SUMMIT, PREOCCUPATION WITH TIMOR PROBLEM COULD LIMIT ITS ABILITY TO DO SO. (COMMENT: WHILE MALIK DID NOT MAKE SAME QUALIFICATION AS TO INDONESIA'S STANCE AT UN, UNLESS TIMOR QUESTION IS RESOLVED BEFORE UNGA SESSION BEGINS, GOI CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE LOSS OF SUPPORT ON TIMOR IN NON-ALIGNED WORLD WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN ITS WILLINGNESS TO HELP ON KOREA.)

5. HAN CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF KOREA'S ACTING AS A CHANNEL TO PROVIDE MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO INDONESIA (PARA 3 REFTEL). HE SUGGESTED PARK'S VISIT COMING SHORTLY AFTER VISIT OF CHAIRMAN OF ROK CHIEFS OF STAFF (A RETURN VISIT FOR THAT PAID BY INDONESIAN DEPUTY C-IN-C SURONO IN 1974) MAY HAVE GIVEN RISE TO SPECULATION ALONG THESE LINES.
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